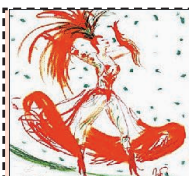


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Libya: live report



TRIPOLI, 1849 GMT: "I think that Brega is lost for now," a Libyan regime official who declined to be identified tells AFP, referring to the oil port west of the rebel centre of Benghazi. Brega has been held by insurgents since yesterday in the face of fierce government attacks.

The official however insists that western Libya is "totally" under government control despite fierce fighting

in Zawiyah, a town near Tripoli, and anti-regime protests in the Libyan capital.

Moamer Kadhafi may have sacked the country's United Nations envoy who turned against his regime, but UN officials say they have not yet accepted the move.

Kadhafi named ex-foreign minister Ali Triki, who was president of the UN General Assembly in 2009-1010, as his new representative. But UN spokesman Martin Nesirky would not say whether the move will be accepted or who the global body considers Libya's legitimate representative.

Libya's UN envoy Abdurrahman Shalgham and his deputy, Ibrahim Dabbashi, delivered impassioned speeches condemning Kadhafi as a "tyrant" and pleading for sanctions last week.

Human Rights Watch says it "cannot confirm any incident of the use of mercenaries" from sub-Saharan Africa in the Libyan conflict.

Kadhafi is accused of luring some 25,000 mercenaries from across sub-Saharan Africa to defend his embattled regime.

Instead HRW says that "thousands of Africans" who are civilians have been attacked in Libya, fueled by "hysteria" that mercenaries are involved in significant fighting.

Libya gives Venezuela the green light to form a mission to find a peaceful resolution to its internal conflict, Venezuela's foreign minister says. Libyan rebels and several western powers, including the United States, earlier rejected the proposal.

New York oil briefly surges past \$104 -- the highest level in two and a half years -- as traders react to worsening violence in Libya. Brent North Sea crude for April delivery reaches \$116.30 before pulling back to \$115.77, up 98 cents.

Switzerland says it has tightened sanctions against the Kadhafi regime by adding a ban on all financial transactions to the Libyan strongman and his entourage. "Switzerland wants to prevent any financial support for Moamer Kadhafi and those around him," the government says in a statement.

13 Mexican soldiers caught with huge drugs stash



Methamphetamine (crystal meth) is a highly addictive drug

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (AFP) - Thirteen Mexican soldiers, including three officers, were arrested in possession of a huge drugs haul on a road near the US border, the Mexican defense ministry said.

A military judge ordered preventive detention for "three subordinate officers and 10 troop members" found in possession of 928 kilograms (2,046 pounds) of crystal methamphetamine and 30 kilograms of cocaine, according to the statement.

The soldiers were transporting the drugs from Mexico City to the northwestern city of Tijuana, which lies across the border from the US city of San Diego, general Alfonso Duarte, a locally-based commander, told AFP.

The soldiers had been coordinating with a group of civilians, the general said, without elaborating.

Crystal meth is a highly-addictive man-made stimulant which can cause damage to the small blood vessels in the brain.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon has deployed some 50,000 Mexican soldiers in a broad crackdown on the country's drug gangs since he took office in December 2006.

More than 34,600 people have died in suspected drug-related violence since then, according to official figures.

In a White House summit Thursday between Calderon and US President Barack Obama, the two men vowed to step up the war on the drug cartels.



TUNISIA, CHOUCHA, Bengladeshe people who fled Libya, eat at the Echoucha refugee camp, near the Tunisian border town of Ras Jedir. More than 172,000 people have crossed Libya's borders into Tunisia and Egypt in the past week, said a top UN official who appealed for Kadhafi's regime to keep frontiers open.

AFP PHOTO



Pakistani mourners carry the coffin of slain minister Shahbaz Bhatti into the Fatima Church for the funeral ceremony in Islamabad. Hundreds of chanting Christians bearing black flags gathered in a dusty village in central Pakistan for the burial of their figurehead, shot dead by suspected Islamic extremists. AFP PHOTO

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Parliamentarian Andin Bikker and Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar discuss the high tariff of domestic cooking gas



ORANJESTAD – A discussion is going on for some weeks regarding the price of a 20 Lbs cylinder of domestic cooking gas charged by the island's supplier, Arugas. The price of LP gas is subsidized, but Mr. Bikker does not understand why there is such a noticeable difference between 100Lbs cylinder compared to the 20Lbs cylinder. According to him, the price of a 20Lbs cylinder automatically has to be the price of a 100Lbs cylinder divided into five. Minister of Economic & Social Affairs and Culture

Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar met recently with management of Arugas in order to discuss this matter and to come to an amenable solution.

Besides the difference in price, there is also the issue of safety. The Aruba government fears that if the price of a 20Lbs gas cylinder is adjusted, citizens will opt to install that size cylinder in their home, which can be dangerous.

According to the law, the gas cylinder must be installed outside the house and not inside. However Mr. Bikker came with the proposal that Aruba's technical inspection department - DTI, control all the installations to make sure they are done safely.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar assured Mr. Bikker at the conclusion of their meeting that she will follow up on this matter to come to a practical and satisfactory solution for all parties involved.

"Hand on Your Heart" Aruba for Aruba



On Sunday, the 27th of March from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. the greatest fundraiser of 2011 will take place with a Mega RADIO – and TELETHON organized by Magic FM, ATV and FPNC at South Beach Center, in front of the entrance to Magic FM and Buster's Garage. Everyone can follow the event live on air via radio and from noon it can be seen live on television. Many different activities will be organized to make the public enthusiastic to come, participate and especially to stay. Many bands and prominent figures will contribute in their own way. Ample information will be given about the various contributions in the coming weeks in the media.

The goal of this event is to gain a minimum of 2000 monthly automatic transfers of AWG 25.00 for at least one year. This is what FPNC needs to support families on a monthly basis with food parcels. FPNC has registered 550 families in 2010. In reality there are at least 1200 families (4000 people) that every month have problems with making ends meet. Aruba is generous and often

gives to important causes outside Aruba. Now is the time to organize something for our own community.

During the event there will be raffles of several prizes, great and small alike, for those who have already registered. From phones, to weekend stays, dining certificates and more. The grand prize is a car with the new brand BYD (Build Your Dream), model FO, sponsored by Garage Cordia. The car will be raffled among all participants at the end of the day.

A project team has been put together of volunteers only to make this event a big success. Magic FM and ATV are also contributing solely on a volunteer basis. The logo has been designed pro bono by UR Designs and will be featured on t-shirts in different color on the day of the event.

A request has gone out to Aruba's greatest singers – at least 20 participants – to participate to this fantastic effort, which will be publicized on time before on the radio – and telethon. Every artist is already enthusiastic about the production which is being worked on together with Robert Thiel.

During the coming weeks images of the poverty that exists in Aruba and the help that FPNC gives to those less fortunate in our community will be shown under the direction of ATV.

The enthusiastic team of this project invites everyone in Aruba to come 27th of March to the South Beach Center to participate in this event: **Aruba for Aruba!**



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For a sneak peek of the show, information and reservations call **586 3800**. www.zissles.com



Omaira Marvel is crowned Club Kibrahacha 60+ Carnival Queen 2011

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Club Kibrahacha, a social and activities center for islanders of advanced years, conducted their annual carnival party and queen elections yesterday morning. Five gorgeously garbed candidates danced around the social hall before a cheering audience, as they proved to all present they still have "got it" when it comes time to move to the

carnival beat.

The five candidates are named for the days of the week, beginning with Monday, Ms. Dialuna, Licha Arrindell, followed by Ms. Diamars, Omaira Marvel, Ms. Diaranson, Dina boekhoudt, Ms. Diahuebs, Maxine Ras and Ms. Diabierna, Theresita Orman.

Demonstrating supreme



Adelaide Ponson and her mom

carnival spirit and poise, they proved they all could shake their hips with the best of them; after a stirring performance, often accompanied by supportive family members, Omaira Marvel, Ms. Tuesday, was crowned Club Kibrahacha 60+ Carnival Queen



Ms Diabierna Theresita Orman

2011, by last year's winner, Nilda Maduro, with Dina Boekhoudt, Ms. Wednesday, the runner-up. Both received bouquets and gift baskets.

Club Kibrahacha's Director, Diana Uchtmann, expressed her extreme gratitude to Super Food supermarket

for sponsoring the event as well as Aruba's reigning Prinse Kwenta, Raymbert Bikker and Pancho Ohm, Donovan Henriquez for lending their royal presence to the festivities, along with the Brass Band Surinam.

by Rosalie Klein

Sci-Tech

NASA Earth observation satellite fails to reach orbit



WASHINGTON (AFP) – A NASA satellite that aimed to study the impact of aerosols on climate plunged into the Pacific Ocean on Friday, delivering a \$424-million blow to the US space agency.

The failure of the Glory satellite launch was the second bungle for NASA climate science efforts in two years, and closely resembled a botched carbon satellite launch involving the same company, Orbital Sciences Corp., in 2009.

Glory could not reach orbit after its protective clamshell-like nose cone cover failed to detach after launch, engineers said as they struggled to figure out why the expensive technology collapse had happened yet again.

"We are all pretty devastated," said Ron Grabe, executive vice president and general manager of the Virginia-based Orbital's Launch Systems Group, which made both the rocket and satellite.

Grabe appeared at a press conference Friday along with other grim-faced executives and NASA experts as the US space agency announced the creation of a "Mishap Investigation Board to evaluate the cause of the failure."

"We encountered no anomalies" early on, NASA launch director Omar Baez told reporters.

But a few minutes into the flight, it became apparent that separation of the cover, known as a fairing, had not occurred.

"We didn't see the indication of fairing separation," said Baez. "We failed to make orbit and all indications are that the satellite and rocket are in the southern Pacific Ocean somewhere."

The launch of the satellite -- which was to measure aerosols in the Earth's atmosphere to help clarify their impact on climate -- was delayed on February 23 after an unexpected ground control reading 15 minutes before liftoff.

On Friday it blasted off

from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California aboard a four stage Taurus-XL rocket at 2:09 am (1009 GMT), but NASA soon reported that it was slowing down and would not reach orbit.

A similar mishap took place in February 2009, when a satellite designed to monitor global carbon dioxide emissions plummeted into the ocean near Antarctica after failing to reach orbit, in a setback for climate science.

There too, a fatal mission error occurred minutes after liftoff when the fairing, which protects the satellite during its ascent, failed to separate properly.

But experts said it was too early to know if the Glory failed for the exact same rea-

son, and that more analysis was needed.

"Right now we are crunching the data but there is not enough data that has been processed to tell any more than the fairing did not deploy," said Rick Straka, deputy general manager at Orbital.

Grabe said engineers had done extensive research on the previous failure, and went so far as to completely change out the initiation system and replace it with another one that had flown successfully three times.

"So we really went into this flight feeling confident that we had nailed the fairing issue," said Grabe.

"There is a great deal of emotional investment on the part of all the players on any spaceflight but that is probably doubly so on a return-to-flight effort like this one," he said.

"We will recover. The team will bounce back. They are all professionals and Orbital Sciences will bounce back with the Taurus vehicle," said Grabe.



Japan's Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR) researcher Takashi Minato displays a human-shaped mobile phone which 'enables its users to feel close to those on the other end' in Tokyo on March 3, 2011. The prototype of the phone, slightly bigger than the size of a palm, is covered with a material which feels like human skin and has a built-in telecom chip inside. AFP PHOTO

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Samsung sees iPad 2 thinness, price as challenge



SEOUL (AFP) – South Korean giant Samsung Electronics on Friday admitted it faced a tough challenge to compete with Apple's new slimmer and cheaper iPad, saying "inadequate" parts had to be improved.

The iPad 2 unveiled this week was described by Apple chief executive officer Steve Jobs as "dramatically thinner" than the previous model.

The tablet is one-third the thickness of its predecessor at 8.8 millimetres (about one-third of an inch) and also thinner than Samsung's latest 10.9-millimetre Galaxy gadget announced last month.

"We will have to improve the parts that are inadequate," Lee Don-Joo, executive vice president of the Korean firm's mobile division, told Yonhap news agency. "Apple made it very thin."

Apple is also winning on price so far.

Samsung's original seven-

inch screen Galaxy Tab was priced at nearly \$900 if bought without a two-year contract from mobile operators, while the cheapest iPad 2 costs \$499.

Samsung has not announced pricing for its new 10.1-inch tablet.

"The 10-inch (tablet) was to be priced higher than the seven-inch but we will have to think that over," Lee told Yonhap.

Samsung has sold two million Galaxy Tabs since October 2010 while Apple sold 15 million iPads in April-December.

Rival manufacturers have been scrambling to bring their own tablet computers to market since Apple introduced the iPad last year.

Overall sales of tablets, which can be used to surf the Web, read electronic books, watch videos and more, are forecast to hit 55 million this year.

Big chunks of Antarctic ice form beneath glaciers

WASHINGTON (AFP) – An international team of scientists has discovered that masses of ice in the Antarctic form underneath the ice sheet instead of on top, according to a study published Thursday.

"We usually think of ice sheets like cakes -- one layer at a time added from the top," said Robin Bell, a geophysicist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, who co-authored the study in the journal Science.

"This is like someone injected a layer of frosting at the bottom -- a really thick layer."

The team flew over the

vast East Antarctic ice sheet, setting out to unravel the mystery of the so-called "ghost mountains" hidden underneath. Known formally as the Gamburtsev Mountains, the range buried in the ice pack near the South Pole spans an area larger than the European Alps.

Using ice-penetrating radar, laser ranging systems, gravity meters and magnetometers, they were able to map three-dimensional images of Dome A, a 13,800-foot-high (4,200-meter) plateau which crowns the East Antarctic ice sheet.



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BRIEFS

Four face organ trafficking charges in Kosovo:

PRISTINA, An EU judge in Kosovo ruled that four people, including a former health official, can be tried on organ trafficking charges, the European Union rule of law mission (EULEX) said. The charges revolve around the Medicus Clinic in Pristina, which was shut down in 2008 after a police probe was launched when a young Turkish citizen collapsed at the airport after having a kidney removed for a transplant to an Israeli man.

Among the confirmed suspects the most prominent are former health secretary Rrecaj, who had issued a licence to the clinic although Kosovo law forbids organ transplants, and Dervishi, a prominent Pristina urologist. Another suspect is Turkish doctor Yusuf Sonmez, dubbed the Turkish Frankenstein by Kosovo media, who was briefly held in Turkey at the request of the Kosovo authorities in January.

According to the provisional indictment victims were recruited from poor areas across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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WHO warns of epidemics among refugees in Tunisia:

TUNIS (AFP) – The UN World Health Organisation warned of risks of epidemics among the tens of thousands of people massed in southern Tunisia after fleeing violence in Libya.

He warned of "enormous overcrowding and a lack of hygienic conditions" and said "the pressing need is to have fewer and fewer people who are concentrated there."

Laroche praised the "incredible" solidarity of Tunisians with the refugees.

Three million dollars would be needed to cover the immediate requirements of the WHO in southern Tunisia, he said.

The health situation close to the border with Libya "can change from one day to the next," Laroche went on, warning of a large-scale catastrophe if the refugees were not rapidly repatriated.

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UN helps N.Korea deal with foot-and-mouth outbreak:

ROME (AFP) – The UN food agency has sent a team of animal health experts to North Korea to help manage an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease that could worsen a food crisis, the agency said in a statement.

The Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) sent veterinarians specialising in foot-and-mouth to assess the situation, help contain outbreaks and stop it spreading.

North Korea confirmed last month that it had been hit by the highly contagious disease, which experts believe started at the end of last year.

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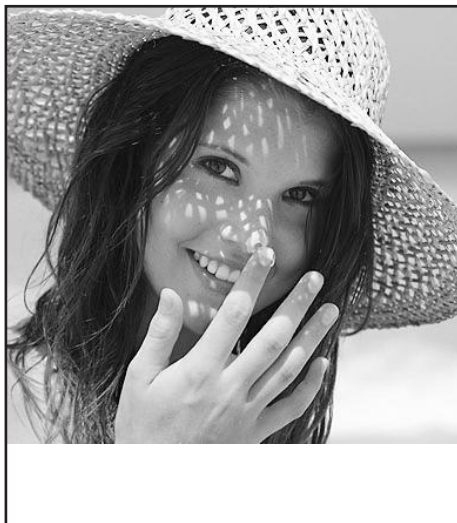
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Parents Guide to Skin Protection



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Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of

tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.

- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

- Apply Sunscreen every



day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a

high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.

- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.

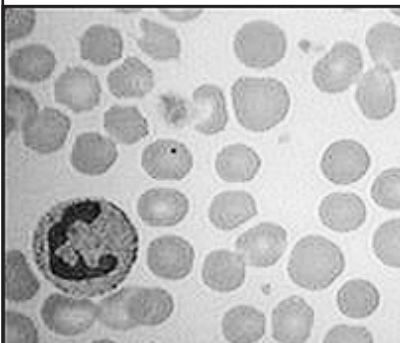
- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website www.ArubaAloe.com

Health Tip: What's Behind Iron Deficiency



Red blood cells
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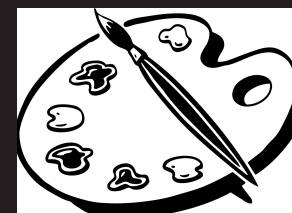
-- Iron is an essential mineral that's present in all cells. As a key component of hemoglobin in the blood, for example, it helps carry oxygen from the lungs to the rest of the body.

People who don't have enough iron in the blood may have fewer-than-normal red blood cells, a condition called iron

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of fers these risk factors for iron deficiency:

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The Major League Baseball season is from March 31 to September 28, 2011, with 80 games broadcasted per week.

All SETAR Digital Cable Service clients can apply for the Early Bird package of “Extra Innings.” The package includes 14 channels plus 2 HD channels for the entire season and costs only Afls. 358 when paid in full. Clients can also take advantage of a payment plan of 4 monthly installments of Afls. 99.50 each. Special Early Bird price for Cable Digital 60+ clients

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All clients who apply for the “Extra Innings” package before March 12, 2011 are eligible to participate in a special raffle with the chance to win a trip for two to Orlando, Florida to witness spring training.

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Lorenzo Croes had a ball at the Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas compliments of SETAR N.V.



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Photos show Lorenzo Croes enjoying his stay at Las Vegas.



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Courses start on March 14, 2011; duration 5 weeks

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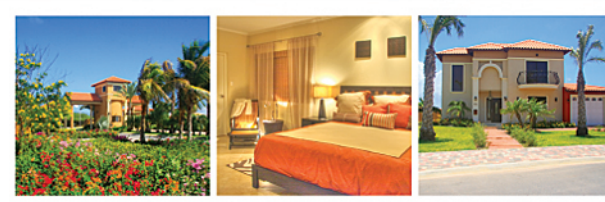
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Minister Visser, applauded our young athletes saying... "you are the athletic heroes of our island." Upon receiving a certificate in the conference room of the Council of Ministers.

The dignitary in charge of athletics saluted the young players and congratulated each one for their achievement in international baseball.

Visser invited the young-



sters to join the other young heroes who last year placed the name of Aruba on high in the US, who were in the "Royal Carnival Group" during the lighting parade Thursday night in San Nicolas. He assured them that he too would be in that group to salute them for their tremendous performance in the US and now also in The Dominican Republic.

The accompanying photo shows the children's group of Moca in The Dominican Republic. They played a very tight game, which finally required an extra inning while Aruba became the winner with a score of 3-2 after a total of 11 innings.

The other photo shows the Minister honoring the players and their trainers, together



with press people who were covering the event so that our people here could have followed the game closely. Visser

concluded by saying: "...We will salute them again tonight as they form part of the lighting parade in San Nicolaas."

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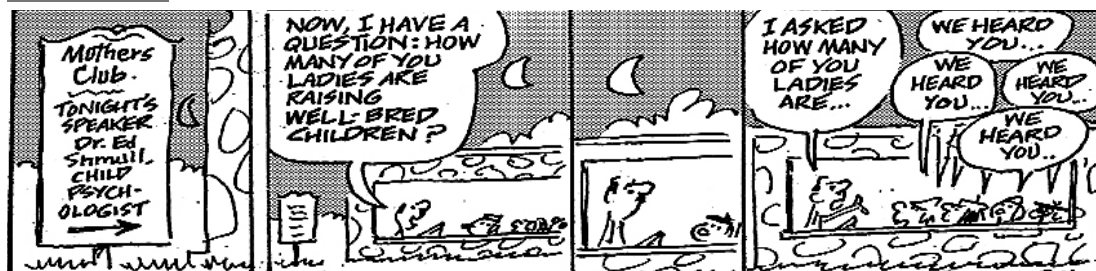
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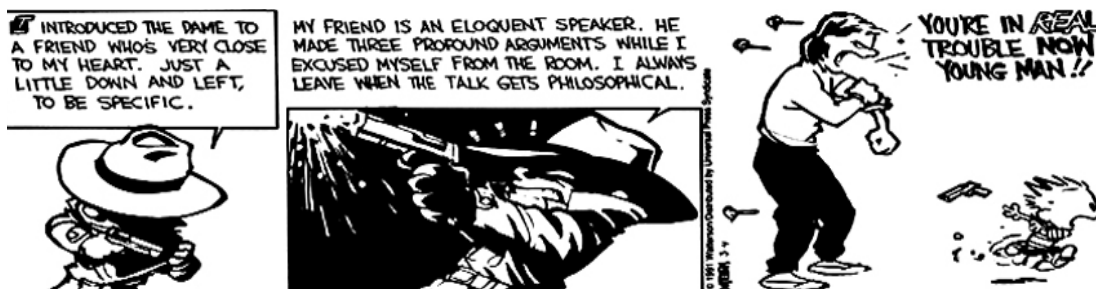
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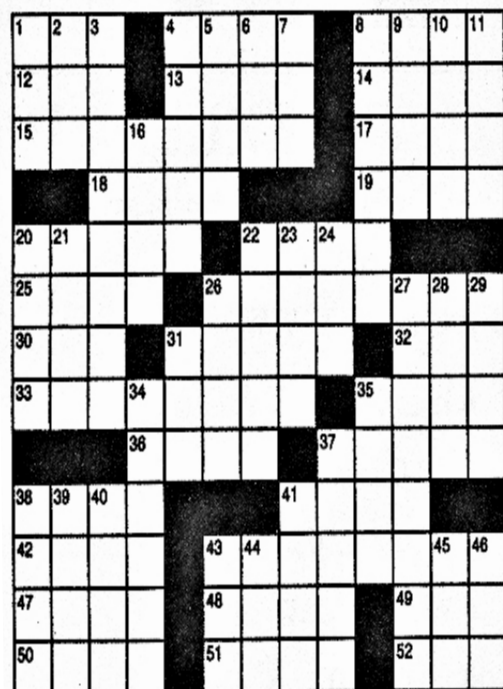
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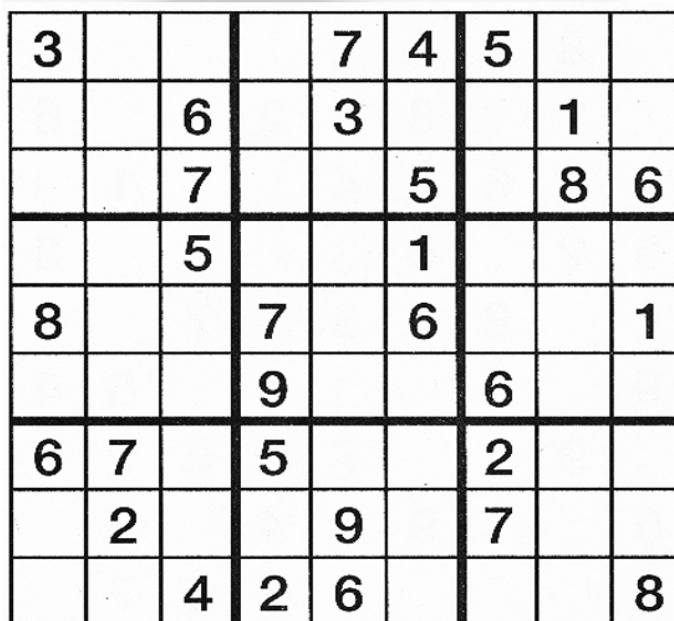
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Eurotunnel in red, sees 2011 pickup:

PARIS (AFP) – Eurotunnel, the operator of the tunnel link between Britain and France, announced Friday a 2010 net loss of 57 million euros but said it was confident passenger numbers would top 10 million this year. Eurotunnel earned a profit of 1.5 million euros (\$2.1 million) in 2009 but last year's loss was expected as the company waited for insurance payments covering a fire that disrupted traffic for several months from late 2008. Eurotunnel chief executive Jacques Gounon said a settlement could be reached this year in talks with its main client, Eurostar which operates train services through the tunnel.



Bombardier gets jumbo credit deal from China:

BEIJING (AFP) – Canada's Bombardier, the third-largest aircraft maker in the world behind Airbus and Boeing, says it has secured a financing deal worth up to \$8 billion from a Chinese leasing firm.



Under a memorandum of understanding signed by the two firms, ICBC Leasing will provide customers of Bombardier with advance payment financing, delivery financing and leasing solutions for some commercial and business jets.

ICBC Leasing is a subsidiary of banking giant Industrial and Commercial Bank of China.

The deal also covers financing for Bombardier Aerospace and its affiliates in the areas of service and production, the statement said. ICBC Leasing will provide Bombardier Aerospace with credit facilities, hedging and settlement services through affiliates of ICBC as well, it added.

Fall in US unemployment sparks optimism:

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A bumper US employment report published showed the troubled jobs market cranked up a gear last month, raising hopes that a final piece of recovery puzzle is falling into place.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate dipped to 8.9 percent in February from 9.0 percent the month before, while the economy created a solid 192,000 jobs.

If that trend continues in the next few months, "the employment situation in the United States would be well on its way to recovery," according to Jason Schenker of Prestige Economics. The strong report also increased confidence that government layoffs can be offset by a resurgence in private sector hiring.



Oil prices rise as Libya fears dominate market

ONDON (AFP) – World oil prices advanced yesterday as violence in Libya dominated market sentiment once again ahead of vital economic data in the United States, the world's biggest crude-consuming nation.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in April added 62 cents to \$115.41 per barrel.

New York's light sweet crude for April, known as West Texas Intermediate (WTI), rose 72 cents to \$102.63.

"Crude oil prices held strongly above \$100 per barrel as ongoing political unrest in Libya continues to dominate the markets," Sueden analyst Myrto Sokou said.

"It remains to be seen how the markets will react to the US non-farm payrolls data this afternoon that could provide an interesting outlook for the oil and equity markets for the near-term."

Prices remain off the highs near \$120 hit last week as violence flared in Libya where opponents of leader Moamer Kadhafi have taken control of swathes of the east of the country.

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region has been rocked by unrest since an



uprising in Tunisia in January brought down the government there and led to similar protests in Egypt which ousted president Hosni Mubarak.

"The real fear has all the time been for a wider spread of the uprising across the MENA region with disruptions in oil production happening not just in Libya," SEB commodities analyst Bjarne Schieldrop said.

"There is currently little news with respect to any further uprising in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Oman (and) Algeria. This is definitely calming the market at the moment."

He added: "There is little reason to believe that the problems are over in Libya -- or that Libya will be the last of the MENA countries to experience these kinds of troubles."

"Developments have taken place at high speed and high

intensity across the MENA region so far and further developments are likely to take place sooner rather than later. We thus think that the oil price has further to go on the upside before this is over."

Oil fell slightly as investors digested Venezuela's proposal for an international peacekeeping mission to avert civil war in Libya.

But prices resumed their upward path on the back of doubts about Venezuela's proposal to mediate in the crisis, analysts said.

The head of Libya's National Oil Corporation, Shukri Ghanem, told AFP that oil production had "been halved," mainly due to the departure of foreign workers who feared for their safety.

Ghanem, who is also de facto oil minister, declined to provide current production figures but stressed that "none of the oil installations were damaged." "We continue to produce and export" oil, he said.

Libya produces around 1.6 million barrels a day, some 85 percent of which normally goes to Europe, according to the International Energy Agency.

Dispute stalls PS3 shipment in Netherlands: Sony

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) – Japanese electronics giant Sony said a shipment of its PlayStation 3 consoles is being held at a port in the Netherlands after a Dutch court upheld a complaint filed by South Korea's LG Electronics.

The shipment, reported to involve tens of thousands of consoles, has been held since February after the court handed down a temporary injunction over a patent claim, said Sony spokesman Yasuhiro Okada in Tokyo.

"The shipment has been stalled since late last month," Okada said, adding that the move came after LG filed a complaint that Sony violated its Blue-ray technologies.

He said that despite the Netherlands being one of Sony's major access points to Europe, the court decision has

not affected its entire PS3 shipment to the market because "there are other entries to the region."

But the spokesman declined to elaborate further on when the company expects the shipment to be released or how many units would be affected due to the injunction.

The shipment being stalled involved tens of thousands of PS3 consoles, Dow Jones Newswires reported, citing a person familiar with the situation, adding that the court had handed down a 10-day injunction.

LG spokesman Kenneth Hong confirmed LG filed a patent complaint against Sony with the International Trade Commission in the United States earlier this year, which relates to its Blu-ray video technology used in PlayStation

3 machines.

But he said the company as a matter of policy could not comment on pending legal matters.

Hong said he is "not aware of any legal action which LG has taken in the Netherlands".

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban res-

taurants into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cui-



Keeshi Yena with plantains & vegetables

rant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varela Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

sine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellow-pages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry



all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and res-

idents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

Pope lifts blame from Jews for Christ's death

VATICAN CITY (AFP) — Pope Benedict XVI exonerates the Jewish people as a whole from responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in a new book due to be published this month, prompting praise from Jewish groups.

The pope wrote that the condemnations of Jesus Christ came from the "aristocracy of the temple" in Jerusalem and from the "masses" who acclaimed Barabbas instead of Jesus -- not from "the Jewish people as a whole."

Extracts from the book, the second volume of a biography of Jesus Christ, were published by the Vatican's official Osservatore Romano daily on

Thursday.

The World Jewish Congress in a statement praised the pope "for unequivocally rejecting the argument that the Jewish people can be held responsible."

Congress head Ronald Lauder said: "2,000 years after the event it really was high time that the head of the Catholic Church made a clear statement on this."

"It sets an important marker against anti-Semitism in the Church," he said.

"Jews suffered from brutal



persecution and anti-Semitism because Christians held them collectively responsible for the killing of Jesus Christ, even though he was himself a Jew and was crucified by the Roman rulers," he added

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Britain unveils royal wedding coin

LONDON, England (AFP) - The official coin for Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding on April 29 was unveiled this week, showing the couple's profiles on one side with Queen Elizabeth II's image on the reverse.

The £5 (\$8, five-euro) commemorative coin published by the Royal Mint bears a simple text, "William and Catherine, 29 April 2011", and shows the couple looking at each other in profile.

According to the artist's impression of the coin, which the prince has approved, Kate, 29, is smiling naturally, showing her teeth, with her long hair covering her ears, while William, 28, has his mouth slightly open.

In December when it issued a commemorative coin for the couple's engagement, the Royal Mint attracted criticism that it was unflattering to Kate. One commentator suggested she had the "flattened features of a pugilist."

"The official UK royal wedding coin has been designed by Mark Richards, a fellow of the Royal Society of British Sculptors," said a spokeswoman, adding that he had been chosen after an invitation-only tender process.



The Royal Mint advisory committee, which is made up of experts in art, design, history and heraldry, selected the design and it was then sent to William for approval.

"With Prince William's full approval received, the coin design was submitted to the chancellor (finance minister) and finally to Her Majesty The Queen for approval," she said.

Although the coin has a value of £5 it costs £9.99 to buy and is available to pre-order from the Royal Mint website. It will receive final legal approval on March 16, at which point it will pass into production.

"Public interest in this great event is already huge, and building every day, so we are anticipating massive demand for these official commemorative coins," said a statement on the Royal Mint's website.



ORURO, Bolivia -- Aymara natives play folk music as the parade during the Anata Andino, an Andean carnival in which people from different communities gather to thank the Pachamama for the crops and ask for the rainy season to begin, in the Bolivian city of Oruro, some 230 Km south of La Paz, on March 3, 2011. **AFP PHOTO**

Oprah 'to host show in Cairo's Tahrir Square'



Oprah Winfrey speaks onstage at an event in Pasadena, California, in January 2011. AFP/File

CAIRO, Egypt (AFP) - US television talk show star Oprah Winfrey is to host a live show from Cairo's Tahrir Square, the epicentre of a revolution that ousted Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, a report said.

Egypt's new tourism minister Munir Fakhri Abdelnour was quoted by the state-owned Al-Ahram newspaper as saying Winfrey had accepted an invitation "without hesitation."

"The plan is for her to broadcast a live show from

Tahrir Square on a Friday in March, but the date has not been finalised," the mass-circulation paper said.

It was part of a campaign to revive tourism in Egypt after the huge uprising that forced Mubarak to resign on February 11 after 30 years in power, the paper said.

"The most famous TV hostess in the world accepted without hesitation," Abdelnour as saying.

There was no immediate confirmation from Winfrey, who in January launched her

OWN cable network, aired in 145 countries around the world.

In December Winfrey made her first tapings outside North America, recording a series of episodes in Australia culminating in a finale at the specially renamed Sydney "Oprah House".

Her reported visit to Cairo would be altogether different, focusing on the central Cairo square where pro-democracy activists gathered for more than two weeks in an uprising that sent shockwaves around the world.

The revolt against Mubarak's rule was notable for the central role played by social networking sites, including Facebook and Twitter, to mobilise crowds to take to the streets.

US President Barack Obama has hailed the toppling of the strongman as a defining moment in world history, and added that Tahrir Square itself had become deeply symbolic.

"The word Tahrir means liberation. It's a word that speaks to that something in our souls that cries out for freedom," Obama said.

Spielberg studio buys rights to WikiLeaks book: paper



WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

LONDON, England (AFP) - Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks Studios have bought the rights to a book written by two British journalists about WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, their newspaper said.

"The rights to the book have been purchased by DreamWorks," said a spokeswoman for The Guardian, which published the secret US diplomatic cables released by the whistle-blowing website last year.

Editor-in-chief Alan Rusbridger told the newspaper the film would be "Woodward and Bernstein meets Stieg Larsson meets Jason Bourne, plus the odd moment of sheer farce and, in Julian Assange, a compelling character who goes be-

yond what any Hollywood scriptwriter would dare to invent".

"WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's war on secrecy", by Guardian journalists David Leigh and Luke Harding, details the Australian former computer hacker's life and times and their dealings with him over the release of US cables.

The Guardian's ties with Assange have since become strained.

Assange is currently fighting extradition from Britain to Sweden where he is wanted for questioning over allegations of rape, which he denies.

DreamWorks Studios were founded in 1994 by Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen.

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Windies destroy Bangladesh in World Cup



Kemar Roach of West Indies celebrates with team mate Devon Thomas after taking the wicket of Mohammad Ashraful of Bangladesh

NEW DELHI (AFP) - The West Indies destroyed Bangladesh by nine wickets in an embarrassingly one-sided contest Friday, dismissing the World Cup co-hosts for just 58 runs -- their lowest ever one-day total.

In front of a stunned capacity crowd of 25,000 in Dhaka, the home side's batting imploded and they were all out in just 18.5 overs -- sparking angry scenes from supporters who hurled placards from the stands.

The Caribbean side romped to their second win of the tournament in just 12.2 overs, with Chris Gayle making an unbeaten 37 and sit second in Group B with four points from three games, level on points with South Africa.

Spinner Sulieman Benn grabbed 4-18 and fast bowlers Kemar Roach and Darren Sammy claimed three wickets each as Bangladesh fell well short of their previous one-day low of 74, notching the fourth lowest score in World Cup history.

Junaid Siddique and Mohammad Ashraful were the only two batsmen who made it into double figures in a match that could prove pivotal to quarter-final hopes with India, South Africa and England also in Group B.

West Indies skipper Sammy praised team-mate Chris Gayle for a motivational speech that inspired his side.

"It was a brilliant performance by my team-mates. Chris Gayle wasn't feeling well today but I thought he came out and showed how committed he is to the cause," he said.

"He said 'do not take Bangladesh lightly'. We were a little flat in the warm-up

and he didn't like that so he encouraged us to go out there and remember Bangladesh would be coming hard at us."

"We've always fancied ourselves but it's up to us to go out there and play competitive and consistent cricket," he added.

Disappointed Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan was at a loss to explain his team's disastrous showing, adding that he understood the fans' frustrations.

"We have a lot of things to work on now. We have to sit down and think about it but hopefully we will come back strongly."

He said reaching the quarter-finals was still possible after one win out of three so far, with the game against England in Chittagong now a "must-win".

In the earlier clash on Friday, New Zealand steam-rolled hapless Zimbabwe by 10 wickets in Ahmedabad for their second win of the tournament.

Astros catcher Castro out most of 2011

KISSIMMEE (AFP) - Houston catcher Jason Castro will miss most or all of the 2011 Major League Baseball season after surgery to repair a ligament in his right knee.

Castro tore the anterior cruciate ligament in the knee on Wednesday while trying to avoid a tag by Detroit Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera in a spring training game.

The initial diagnosis was a sprain. An MRI then revealed a tear in Castro's right meniscus and the torn ligament was discovered Thursday.

Castro, who earned the catching job as a 22-year-old

After bowling out the African nation for just 162, the Kiwis cantered to their target thanks to unbeaten half-centuries by Martin Gupthill (86) and Brendon McCullum (76) with 99 balls to spare at the Sardar Patel Stadium.

New Zealand skipper Daniel Vettori said the win was a much-needed confidence boost.

"I think it's the performance that we were looking for. Now we've got to replicate that against some of the bigger nations," he said.

Zimbabwe captain Elton Chigumbura cut a sorry figure as he tried to explain his team's capitulation. "It's a game we will like to forget quickly and move onto the next one," he said.

Meanwhile, Australian captain Ricky Ponting expects Sri Lanka to come out fighting on Saturday after their defeat to Pakistan and give the defending champions the first severe test of their World Cup credentials.

"Sri Lanka were one of the favourites coming into the tournament and although they've lost that one game against Pakistan, I don't think that changes anything at all. They're a well-skilled and well-drilled team," said the Australian captain.

Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara said he would back his three spinners to top Australian pace in the crucial World Cup Group A clash.

The 1996 world champions and 2007 runners-up are considering the option of playing Muttiah Muralitharan, Ajantha Mendis and Rangana Herath to cast a spin web over Ricky Ponting's men on a slow R. Premadasa stadium pitch.

rookie last season, had surgery on Friday.

Typical recovery time is six months.

"He might be able to come back at some point in September, but he's such a valuable person, such a valuable player, you don't want to rush a guy like that," manager Brad Mills said.

"Let him take his time. Let him get stronger. He's going to be fine. As I told Jason, he was going to have a great year this year. Now, he's going to have a great year next year."



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Hatton and Alvarez to scrap for super welter title



Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, left, of Mexico, and Matthew "Magic" Hatton of Great Britain, pose during a news conference in Los Angeles

ANAHEIM, California (AFP) - Britain's Matthew Hatton and Mexico's Saul Alvarez both vowed to walk away from their Saturday showdown with the super welterweight belt once owned by Filipino superstar Manny Pacquiao.

"Opportunities mean nothing if you don't take them," said Hatton, who was accompanied by his brother Ricky, a former two-weight world champion now turned promoter. "I've prepared well, trained harder than ever and I'm well capable of winning."

"I'm going to beat him," added the 29-year-old Hatton, who brings a record of 41-4-2 with 16 knockouts to his long-awaited fight for a world title.

After Pacquiao opted not to defend the belt, WBC officials quickly vacated their super welterweight throne and moved to reward the winner of the Hatton-Alvarez bout.

"I have no doubt in my mind. It's going to be a great fight and 100 percent I am going to be the winner," Hatton said.

If the Briton does triumph,

he'll be the first to get the better of Mexican sensation Alvarez, who is 35-0 with one drawn and 26 knockouts.

"I come prepared, always," Alvaro said Thursday at the Honda Center in Anaheim, the town just south of Los Angeles that is also home to Disneyland.

"It's going to be a tough fight but I'm going to demonstrate my abilities in the ring. Hatton's a great warrior but the title is going home with me to Mexico."

Alvarez suffered the only stain on his record with a draw against countryman Jorge Juarez in a four-round bout in 2006 but he has won 31 fights since, the most recent a unanimous decision over Australia's Lovemore N'dou last December.

Hatton, 41-4 with two drawn and 16 knockouts, has not lost in nine fights since September of 2008, his lone blemish in the run a draw against N'dou in 2009.

In his most recent fight, Hatton knocked out Roberto Belge of Switzerland in the third round at Bolton last November to retain his European welterweight title.

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NFL labor talks to continue as deadline extended

WASHINGTON (AFP) — With a possible work stoppage looming in America's most popular sport, the NFL and its players' union agreed on Thursday to a 24-hour extension of their contract talks.

"The parties have agreed to a one-day extension," federal mediator George Cohen said in a brief statement, confirming news that had trickled out of the extended meeting in his office.

The league and players had met with Cohen for about eight hours on Thursday as the clock ticked toward the scheduled expiration of their current collective bargaining agreement at one minute before midnight.

The decision to extend the deal for 24 hours gave them a little more time to hammer out a new deal or otherwise decide how to proceed.

It has been widely expected that if the current contract expires without a new agreement, the league owners would lock out players, jeopardizing the 2011 season.

There was also a chance that the union would decertify prior to the deadline -- a move

that would mean the union no longer represents the players and which would pave the way for a court battle involving US anti-trust law.

DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said the union was eager to reach a deal.

"For all our fans who dig our game, we appreciate your patience as we work through this," Smith said Thursday evening. "We are going to keep working. We want to play football."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell echoed the sentiment as he departed, adding: "We are working as hard as we can."

The most recent proof of the league's pull was the record 111 million viewers in the United States drawn by the Super Bowl in February.

Pat McDonough of the Nielsen Co. that compiles television ratings said the viewership of Green Bay's victory over Pittsburgh topped that of last season's Super Bowl and "caps what is arguably the most successful season that any sports league has ever had."

US to face Chile in Davis Cup opener

PARIS (AFP) — Serbia open up their defence of the Davis Cup on Thursday with a home tie against India, while Jim Courier takes charge of the United States for the first time with a tough tie away to Chile.

The Serbs grabbed their first ever Davis Cup triumph in December by bouncing back from 1-2 down to defeat France in an enthralling final in Belgrade.

Hero of the 2010 Serbian campaign and now Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic will miss the tie as he takes some time off to recover physically from a hectic start to the year.

But with such experienced campaigners as Victor Troicki, Janko Tipsarevic and doubles expert Nenad Zimonjic, the Serbs should still have more than enough firepower to see off the Indians, especially since they will be without top doubles pair Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi, who are both injured.

Asian and Commonwealth Games champion Somdev Devvarman will shoulder Indian hopes, but he will start as underdog in both his singles rubbers.

Troicki, who secured the winning point against France, warned against over-confi-

dence.

"I think that many have understood this match was not that important and thus underestimated India, but this is not an easy team and far from an easy rival," he said.

"Of course, it would be easier with Novak (Djokovic) in the team, but we have the quality to win even without him. But it definitely will not be easy."

Four-time Grand Slam winner Courier takes over as US captain from Patrick McEnroe and is tasked with winning a Davis Cup for the Americans for just the second time in the last 16 years, after 2007.

He has at his disposal Davis Cup stalwart Andy Roddick and the giant John Isner for the singles as well as the world's top doubles pairing of Bob and Mike Bryan.

But they will be wary of South American outdoor claycourts, anaethma to both Roddick and Isner, even though top Chilean Fernando Gonzalez is unavailable through injury.

Courier said that Roddick, who returns to the US team after opting out last year, would be key to the tie.

"His leadership from within will be exceptional and certainly something I'll lean on," he said.



David Duval hits a shot on the 3rd hole during the second round of The Honda Classic at PGA National Resort and Spa on March 4, 2011 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.



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Toure blames wife's diet pill on positive test



LONDON (AFP) - Manchester City's Ivory Coast international defender Kolo Toure failed a drugs test after taking a diet pill belonging to his wife, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said on Friday.

Wenger has spoken with the former Gunners captain since news broke of his positive test for a specified substance.

"He wants to control his weight a little bit because that's where he has some problems and he took the product of his wife," said Wenger.

Wenger added: "Never trust your wife! That is how he was caught."

Toure could face a lengthy ban and is currently suspended from playing for City.

The 29-year-old moved to Eastlands in 2009 for 14 million dollars (16.3mn euros) having spent seven seasons at Arsenal.

Wenger said Toure's error was failing to check the legality of the product he took.

"I think it is a mistake. He was not cautious enough. I don't think there's a desire there to do something wrong and hide it," said Wenger.

"It is a complete surprise because I had Kolo Toure here for years, I brought him here.

"He is a boy who has a clean life. He's very honest living, always at home, a family man, and I don't suspect him at all to have taken drugs to enhance his performances.

"I just think it is a mistake by forgetting to ask, 'Can I take that?'"

Toure has the right to request his B sample also be tested. The Ivorian would then get the opportunity to go before a personal hearing.

Lindsey Vonn takes Crystal Globe



TARVISIO, Italy (AFP) - Slovenia's Tina Maze won the World Cup super-com-

bined race here on Friday ahead of American Lindsey

Vonn, who clinched the Crystal Globe in the discipline for the second consecutive year.

It was the first victory on the World Cup circuit this season and the tenth of her career for Maze, who won the giant slalom gold and super-combined silver at the world championships in Germany last month.

Fifth after the morning downhill which was dominated by Vonn, the Slovenian clocked the fastest time in the afternoon slalom to finish 0.18sec ahead of the 26-year-old American with Germany's Maria Riesch third at 0.55.

Vonn already holds three Crystal Globes for the overall World Cup title and six others in various disciplines.

The American, who trails Riesch by 176 points in the overall World Cup standings, with eight races left can also clinch the downhill title on Saturday and super-G on Sunday.

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